

ANNEX 301.

THE FREE CITY OF DANZIG.

PORT D'ATTACHE FOR POLISH WARSHIPS IN DANZIG.

Report by Viscount Ishii, and Resolution adopted by the Council on January 12th, 1922

On June 22nd, 1921, the Council adopted a resolution, by the terms of which (paragraph 7) the High Commissioner was asked to examine the means of providing in the Port of Danzig a "Port d'attache" for Polish warships, without establishing there a naval base.

In a report dated September 10th, 1921, the High Commissioner discussed the situation and suggested that the opinion of the naval experts of the League should be obtained, particularly with regard to the definition of the term "Port d'attache," and the Permanent Advisory Commission on Military, Naval and Air Questions subsequently submitted their views, which have been laid before the members of the Council. In view of the approach of winter, the President of the Council, on October 1st, 1921, suggested that the High Commissioner should take up with the Danzig Government the question of providing shelter and necessary harbour facilities for Polish warships in the Port of Danzig until the Council had considered the matter, and without prejudice to any final solution. An Agreement between the representatives of Poland and Danzig on these lines was reached a week later, and the text of this Agreement was circulated to the Members of the Council.

The High Commissioner's final report on this question was drawn up on December 7th, 1921 it also deals with the question of a depot in Danzig for war material and explosives destined for Poland. The High Commissioner sent his report to the Polish and Danzig Governments on December 8th, 1921, requesting them to inform him whether, in the light of this report, the two Governments could come to an agreement. The intention was to lay the matter before the Council if they were unable to do so. No further information on this subject has yet been received.

I have already said that the report considers also the question of a depot in Danzig for war material and explosives destined for Poland. In this connection I ought to mention that I have been informed that the President of the Council has just received from the Polish Delegation to the League of Nations a note dated January 9th, 1922, with regard to the importation into Poland through Danzig of goods, including war material and explosives. There is no opportunity in the present report, which is concerned with the question of the *Port d'attache*, to enter into the questions raised by the Polish note, but I believe that all my colleagues will be in agreement with me if I express my sincere belief that the Government of the Free City of Danzig will do its utmost in order that obstacles shall not be placed in the way of the importation through the territory of Danzig of goods of any kind whatever, including material of war and explosives, destined for Poland in accordance with Article 28 of the Treaty of November 9th, 1920.

I beg to propose the following resolution to the Council

RESOLUTION.

"The Council decides to postpone consideration of the question of the *Port d'attache* for Polish warvessels in Danzig to a later session. Until the question has been considered by the Council, the preliminary Agreement already concluded between the Free City and Poland with the object of providing safety and necessary harbour facilities for Polish warvessels in the Port of Danzig will remain in force."